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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR  
MANAGING THE ROUTING OF PACKETS  
OVER A HYBRID COMMUNICATION  
NETWORK

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated May 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.